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Early Sale by Some

The Book's Ready Here

Copies of William Manchester's "The Death or a President," due to start arriving at area bookstores tomorow, will be sold in advance of the official April 7 publication date by some stores and held off the shelves by others.

The shops are also divided on the price they'll put on it. Altho the list price is $10, and many stores said they'd hold to it, E. J. Korvette said their price would be $8.29 and the Discount Book Shop will offer it for $8. Some other stores said their prices would be around $7.

Among the stores that said they would sell the book as soon as they get it was The Discount Book Shop on Connecticut-av. Some said they would hold it until the publication date "unless our competition decides not to honor that date and forces us to break the date too."

The book's publisher, Harper & Row, is protesting to stores who have received "The Death of a President" and immediately started selling it.

In Pittsburgh, department stores and major book stores started offering the book Monday and Harper & Row immediately countered with telegrams of protest. The stores bowed, and the book came off the shelves.

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QUIZZED — A grand jury probing the assassination of President Kennedy questioned Layton Martens (above) for 90 minutes in New Orleans and then recessed without returning any indictments. Mr. Martens is the former roommate of the late David W. Ferrie, who figures prominently in the investigation of the President's assassination.